

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 9/18/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 3-5, 6, 8-11, 14-15, and 17.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 12/04/00
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in the telephone interview with Attorney Mr. Paul Greeley on 11/22/06 and 11/27/06.
3. The claims have been amended as follows:
 1. (Currently Amended) A method for indicating ~~the~~a location of time dependent video hypervideo hyperlinks to a user, comprising the steps of:

displaying a video presentation on at least a portion of a display device screen, said video presentation including a hypervideo hyperlink emphasis region; ~~and~~

providing the user, at time of viewing, with at least one user selectable display attribute for said hypervideo hyperlink emphasis region; and

displaying said display attribute on said display device screen,

wherein at least one of said user selectable display attribute comprises at least one of displaying said hypervideo hyperlink emphasis region in gray scale only format, and displaying said hypervideo hyperlink emphasis region in reverse-color mode format.
 6. (Currently Amended) A hypervideo player system for indicating hypervideo hyperlinks to a user, comprising:

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a display processor ~~for~~ processing a hypervideo, said hypervideo comprising video and hypervideo hyperlink data, including at least one hypervideo hyperlink emphasis region, encoded therein, and said processing comprises determining the display location of said at least one hypervideo hyperlink emphasis region;

a user interface ~~for~~ enabling a user of said hypervideo display system to selectively activate, at the time of viewing, at least one user selectable display attribute for said hypervideo hyperlink emphasis region; and

a display device ~~for~~ displaying said processed hypervideo and displaying said display attribute,

wherein at least one of said user selectable display attribute comprises at least one of displaying said hypervideo hyperlink emphasis region in gray scale only format, and displaying said hypervideo hyperlink emphasis region in reverse-color mode format.

11. (Currently Amended) A method for indicating the location of time dependent hypervideo hyperlink emphasis region to a user, comprising the steps of:

displaying a video presentation on at least a portion of a display device screen, said video presentation including a hypervideo hyperlink emphasis region;

providing the user, at time of viewing said video presentation, the option of selectively viewing said hypervideo hyperlink emphasis region or not viewing said hypervideo hyperlink emphasis region; and

providing the user, at time of viewing, with at least one user selectable display attribute for said hypervideo hyperlink emphasis region; and

displaying said display attribute on said display device screen,

wherein at least one of said user selectable display attribute comprises at least one of displaying said hypervideo hyperlink emphasis region in gray scale only format, and displaying said hypervideo hyperlink emphasis region in reverse-color mode format.

15. (Currently Amended) A memory media storing a computer readable program comprising program instructions for indicating the location of time dependent hypervideo hyperlink emphasis region of a hypervideo to a user, said memory media comprising:

program instructions for displaying a video presentation on at least a portion of a display device screen, said video presentation including a hypervideo hyperlink emphasis region;

program instructions providing the user, at time of viewing said video presentation, the option of selectively viewing said hypervideo hyperlink emphasis region or not viewing said hypervideo hyperlink emphasis region; ~~and~~

program instructions for providing at least one of said user selectable display attribute comprising at least one of displaying said hypervideo hyperlink emphasis region in gray scale only format, and displaying said hypervideo hyperlink emphasis region in reverse-color mode format; and

program instructions for displaying said display attribute on said display device screen.

17. The memory media of claim 15 further comprising program instructions for providing the user selective control of the displaying of an options menu for said at least one user selectable display attribute by positioning a user controlled cursor in a specified emphasis region of said display device screen.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1, 3-5, 6, 8-11, 14-15, and 17 are allowed.
5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance in combination with other claim limitations:

Independent claims 1, 6, 11, and 15, when considered as a whole, are allowable over the Prior Art of record. Specifically, the Prior Art of record fails to teach that the system for indicating the location of time dependent video hypervideo hyperlinks by displaying the video presentation on at least the portion of the display device screen, wherein the video presentation including the hypervideo hyperlink emphasis region, at the time of viewing, providing the user with at least one user selectable display attribute on the display device screen comprising at least one of displaying the hypervideo hyperlink emphasis region in gray scale only format, and displaying the hypervideo hyperlink emphasis region in reverse-color mode format.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Truc T. Chuong whose telephone number is 571-272-4134. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th and alternate Fridays 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Weilun Lo can be reached on (571) 272-4847. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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